



## United Nations Procurement Division

**REQUEST FOR INFORMATION (RFI)**

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**Title of the RFI:**

Provision of a Real Time Data, News, Pricing and Analytics Platform/Solution to support the investment activities of the Office of Investment Management (OIM), United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund (UNJSPF).

**Date of this RFI:** 27 May 2022

**Closing Date for Receipt of RFI:** 10 June 2022

**RFI Number:** RFIUNPD19853

**Beneficiary Country/Territory:** United States of America

**Commodity/Service category:** Professional Services

**Address RFI response by fax or e-mail to the Attention of:** Kenisha Thom

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**UNSPSC Code:** 81121600, 81121602, 81121606, 81121607, 43230000, 43231604

**DESCRIPTION OF REQUIREMENTS**

The United Nations is requesting information from potential vendors for the provision of a robust real time data, news, pricing and analytics platform to support the investment activities of the Office of Investment Management (OIM), United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund (UNJSPF).

The ideal platform will have real time data for most of the 193 member states of the United Nations including all Global Emerging Markets, developed as well as undeveloped markets (see detailed list of markets below). Providers will have real time online data coverage for the following regions and more: Africa, Americas, Asia and the Pacific, Europe, and the Middle East. Providers will have markets and economics data, analytics, and latest news (English and multiple languages) on these respective regions and countries. This platform should provide its users with the ability to login from anywhere and from any device (computer, laptop or iPad) provided the connection is secure.

In addition, the provider should have an instant communication tool for users to connect with one another immediately, securely, and readily available 24 hours / 7 days a week.



Purpose of this Request:

The objective of this RFI is to identify potential vendors that can provide a robust real time data, news, pricing and analytics platform.

This RFI is issued to analyse the suppliers market availability and ascertain capacity for executing the required services. Interested suppliers are asked to provide a company profile (structure, years in business) and supporting documents which includes a detailed provision of the services offered that are relevant to this requirement, with the specifics listed below:

#### **SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS / INFORMATION (IF ANY)**

Interested vendors must complete Annex A - Checklist on Requested Information to demonstrate the firm's capacity to meet the service requirements. Vendors are also required to include all supporting documents, detailed references etc.

Submissions must be e-mailed to [kenisha.thom@un.org](mailto:kenisha.thom@un.org) on or before the deadline date indicated in the system and must include:-

- (1) Company Profile
- (2) [Completed Annex A](#)
- (3) All supporting/reference documents

All queries relating to this RFI should be addressed to [kenisha.thom@un.org](mailto:kenisha.thom@un.org)

#### **NOTE**

Information on tendering for the UN Procurement System is **available free of charge** at the following address: <https://www.ungm.org/Public/Notice>

Only the United Nations Global Marketplace (UNGM) has been authorised to collect a nominal fee from vendors that wish to receive automatically Procurement Notices or Requests for Expression Of Interest. Vendors interested in this Tender Alert Service are invited to subscribe on <http://www.ungm.org>

***Vendors interested in participating in a potential future solicitation process should submit the Vendor Response Form of this RFI electronically (through the link available on the next page) before the closing date set forth above.***



# VENDOR RESPONSE

## NOTICE

- Companies can only participate in solicitations of the UN Secretariat after completing their registration (free of charge) at the United Nations Global Marketplace ([www.ungm.org](http://www.ungm.org)).
- Please verify that your company is registered under its **full legal** name on the United Nations Global Market Place ([www.ungm.org](http://www.ungm.org)) and that your application for registration as vendor has been submitted to the **UN Secretariat** in the same site, to be able to participate in any potential solicitation process as a result of this RFI.
- While companies can participate in solicitations after completion of registration at Basic Level, we strongly recommend all companies to register at least at **Level 1** under the United Nations Secretariat prior to participating in any solicitations.

**PLEASE NOTE: You should submit your response to this RFI electronically at:**

<https://www.un.org/Depts/ptd/node/add/interest-expressed?EOI=RFIUNPD19853>

**In case you have difficulties submitting your response electronically, please contact [kenisha.thom@un.org](mailto:kenisha.thom@un.org) directly for instructions.**



## RFI INSTRUCTIONS

### 1) Registering as a Vendor with the United Nations

Vendors interested in fulfilling the requirement described above must be registered at the UN Global Marketplace ([www.ungm.org](http://www.ungm.org)) with the UN Secretariat in order to be eligible to participate in any solicitation. Information on the registration process can be found at <https://www.un.org/Depts/ptd/vendors>.

#### **Prerequisites for Eligibility**

In order to be eligible for UN registration, you must declare that:

- A. Your company (as well as any parent, subsidiary or affiliate companies) is not listed in, or associated with a company or individual listed in:
  - I. the Compendium of United Nations Security Council Sanctions Lists (<https://www.un.org/sc/suborg/en/sanctions/un-sc-consolidated-list>), or
  - II. the IIC Oil for Food List website or, if listed on either, this has been disclosed to the United Nations Procurement Division in writing.
- B. Your company (as well as any parent, subsidiary or affiliate companies) is not currently removed or suspended by the United Nations or any other UN organisation (including the World Bank);
- C. Your company (as well as any parent, subsidiary or affiliate companies) is not under formal investigation, nor have been sanctioned within the preceding three (3) years, by any national authority of a United Nations Member State for engaging or having engaged in proscribed practices, including but not limited to: corruption, fraud, coercion, collusion, obstruction, or any other unethical practice;
- D. Your company has not declared bankruptcy, are not involved in bankruptcy or receivership proceedings, and there is no judgment or pending legal action against your company that could impair your company's operations in the foreseeable future;
- E. Your company does not employ, or anticipate employing, any person(s) who is, or has been a UN staff member within the last year, if said UN staff member has or had prior professional dealings with the Vendor in his/her capacity as UN staff member within the last three years of service with the UN (in accordance with UN post-employment restrictions published in ST/SGB/2006/15).
- F. Your company undertakes not to engage in proscribed practices (including but not limited to: corruption, fraud, coercion, collusion, obstruction, or any other unethical practice), with the UN or any other party, and to conduct business in a manner that averts any financial, operational, reputational or other undue risk to the UN.

**For Registered Vendors:** Vendors already registered at the UN Global Marketplace with the UN Secretariat must ensure that the information and documentation (e.g. financial statements, address, contact name, etc.) provided in connection with their registration are up to date in UNGM. Please verify and ensure that your company is registered under its full legal name.

**For Vendors Interested in Registration:** Vendors not yet registered should apply for registration on the United Nations Global Marketplace (<http://www.ungm.org>); information on the registration process can be found at <https://www.un.org/Depts/ptd/vendors>. Vendors must complete the registration process prior to the closing date of the RFI. Vendors who have not completed the UNGM registration process with the UN Secretariat before the closing date of the RFI are not considered eligible to participate in the potential solicitation process related to the RFI. We strongly recommend all companies to register at least at Level 1 under the UN Secretariat prior to participating in any solicitations.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE: Any false, incomplete or defective vendor registration may result in the rejection of the application or cancellation of an already existing registration.**

### 2) RFI Process

Vendors interested in participating in the potential solicitation process should forward their information (as requested in the RFI) to United Nations Procurement Division (UNPD) by the closing date set forth in this RFI. *Due to the high volume of communications UNPD is not in a position to issue confirmation of receipt of RFIs.*

Please note that no further details of the potential solicitation can be made available to the vendors prior to issuance of the solicitation documents.

This RFI is issued subject to the conditions contained in the RFI introductory page available at <https://www.un.org/Depts/ptd/rfi>.



### Request for Information

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#### Bidder’s Self Declaration



(to be submitted with Company Profile and Supporting Documents)

- (1) Please provide supporting evidence for each item (e.g., screenshots, written rationale, technical documentation).
- (2) Bidders who provide sufficient supporting evidence on how your product meets each requirement may be invited to provide a demonstration of the platform/solution.

Name of Respondent:	[Insert Legal Name of Respondent]	Date:	
RFI Number:			

Category	Mandatory Requirements	Yes	No	Reference Supporting Document
QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS	Minimum Experience: Minimum of 10 years of experience in providing indices and real time financial market data, analytics, and news (English and multiple languages).			
	<b>Reputation:</b> The company has a blemish free background – free of suspension, censure, or any other disciplinary action by any professional, state, or national / statutory or regulatory entity. <b>If no – please provide details</b>			
PLATFORM/SOLUTION	<u>Portfolio Management</u> - Platform provides investment tools that can assist investment portfolio managers with the necessary real-time financial market data and analytical tools to assist with well-supported investments decisions.			
	<u>Coverage of Instruments</u> – All asset types, including equities, fixed income, private markets, and derivatives. Coverage of sinking fund securities, global fixed income securities (including emerging markets and frontier bonds in US as well as local currency), TBAs, bond futures, cross currency hedging, money market instruments (including overnight deposits), bank bills, commercial paper, ABS/MBS, foreign exchange (FX) currency spots for all currencies traded, and foreign exchange currency forwards. Bonds from Brazil, Malaysia, Indonesia, Mexico, inflation indexed bonds, and negotiable certificates of deposit.			

<b>REQUIREMENTS</b>	<u>Geographical Coverage for Equities and Fixed Income</u> – Platform provides market data to all the following countries and/or regional categories: Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Belgium, Bermuda, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Egypt, Faeroe Island, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Guernsey, Hong Kong, Hungary, Indonesia, Ireland, Isle of Man, Israel, Italy, Japan, Jersey, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Macau, Malaysia, Malta, Mexico, Mongolia, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Singapore, SNAT (Supranational), South Africa, South Korea, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, Tanzania, Thailand, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom, United States, Uruguay and Zambia.			
	<u>Exchanges</u> – Provide access to electronic exchanges via a seamless subscription to the user to real-time pricing.			
	<u>Support</u> – Dedicated and very responsive customer service. The subscription must include resources in New York City that can provide unlimited functional support and unlimited user training. The help desk for the solution provider must be available 24 hours 7 days of the week (99.99% availability).			
	<u>Analytics and Reporting</u> – Fully integrated pre-trade and post-trade analytics including the ability to simulate trades (what-if scenarios) to see how the proposed trade will affect a given portfolio. This analytics tool must include intraday performance monitoring, historical performance attribution, fundamental characteristics, ex-ante tracking error and portfolio optimization. This tool will also allow users to compare their portfolio to a relative benchmark for performance attribution.			
	<u>User Access</u> – Users should have the ability to securely access—only via Adaptive Multi-Factor Authentication—the platform can be accessed from anywhere and from any computer, laptop, iPhone, iPad, or Android.			
	<u>Data Analytics</u> – The solution will provide risk analytics data sets; liquidity assessments; market implied probability; default risk and ESG analytics.			
	<u>Custom Data</u> – Solution should provide users the ability to create custom fields that can be used when displaying portfolios in analytical tools.			
	<u>Broker Research</u> – Provide ability to access broker research reports and forecasts as well as the ability to rank them.			
	<u>Application Programming Interface (API)</u> – Does the provider have a strong API interface for both Excel and Python?			
	<u>Query Data</u> – Does the solution provide the ability to write queries and access data beyond what is available in readily available canned reports?			
	<u>Fixed Income Specific data</u> - Does the solution provide covenants, calls and other specific fixed income related data available? (i.e., company financials, issuer			

	curves, TRACE)			
	<u>Financial Security Master Data</u> – A security master is an operational data store for all the reference data for financial securities in all asset classes, such as Ticker, Global Identifier, CUSIP, SEDOL, ISIN, etc. Also, their respective fundamentals—so investors can perform fundamental analysis—and corporate actions data as well as source inventory and axes.			
	<u>Index and or benchmark data</u> – Ability to seamlessly integrate to other market data providers, not limited to exchanges; and must include integration with (a) MSCI and Bloomberg indices and (b) global credit rating agencies: Moody's, Standard & Poor's, and Fitch.			
	<u>Information Security Standards</u> – Does the solution provider comply with any information security and business continuity standards? (i.e., ISO27001, ISO22301, NIST, etc.)			
	<u>Annual SOC</u> – Does the solution provider conduct annual SOC2 Type 2 audit or equivalent which covers security, availability, confidentiality, integrity, and privacy?			
	Does the solution provider encrypt data in transit and at rest?			
	Does the solution provide secure access via online portal?			
	Does the solution provider conduct vulnerability assessment and penetration test on a regular basis?			
	Does the solution provider have business continuity and disaster recovery plan?			
	Does the solution provider perform BCP test on a regular basis?			
<b>Category</b>	<b>Non-Mandatory Requirements</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Reference Supporting Document</b>
<b>PLATFORM/SOLUTION HIGHLY DESIRABLES</b>	<u>Connectivity to trading platforms</u> – Does the solution connects to multi-asset electronic trading platforms to route orders to a large network of brokers?			
	<u>Communication</u> – Does the solution provide a means for users to connect with other users in the community via internal email or instant chat mechanism?			
	<u>Incident Response procedures</u> – Does the solution provider have information security incident response procedures and data breach notification in place?			
	<u>Resilience</u> – Do you meet or exceed the following: RTO= 15 minutes and RPO= 1 hour?			
	Ability to comply with a seven-year data retention policy where applicable			
<b>COUNTRY COVERAGE</b>				
<b>Please confirm that your firm has real time data,</b>	 AFGHANISTAN			
	 ALBANIA			

pricing, and analytics for each of the countries. Indicate by putting an "X" in the appropriate box.

 ALGERIA			
 ANDORRA			
 ANGOLA			
 ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA			
 ARGENTINA			
 ARMENIA			
 AUSTRALIA			
 AUSTRIA			
 AZERBAIJAN			
 BAHAMAS			
 BAHRAIN			
 BANGLADESH			
 BARBADOS			
 BELARUS			
 BELGIUM			
 BELIZE			
 BERMUDA			
 BENIN			
 BHUTAN			
 PLURINATIONAL STATE OF BOLIVIA			
 BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA			
 BOTSWANA			
 BRAZIL			
 BRUNEI DARUSSALAM			
 BULGARIA			
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	DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA			
	DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO			
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 LEBANON			
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 LIBERIA			
 LIBYA			
 LIECHTENSTEIN			
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 LUXEMBOURG			
 MACAU			
 MADAGASCAR			
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 FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA			
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	SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC			
	TAJIKISTAN			
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